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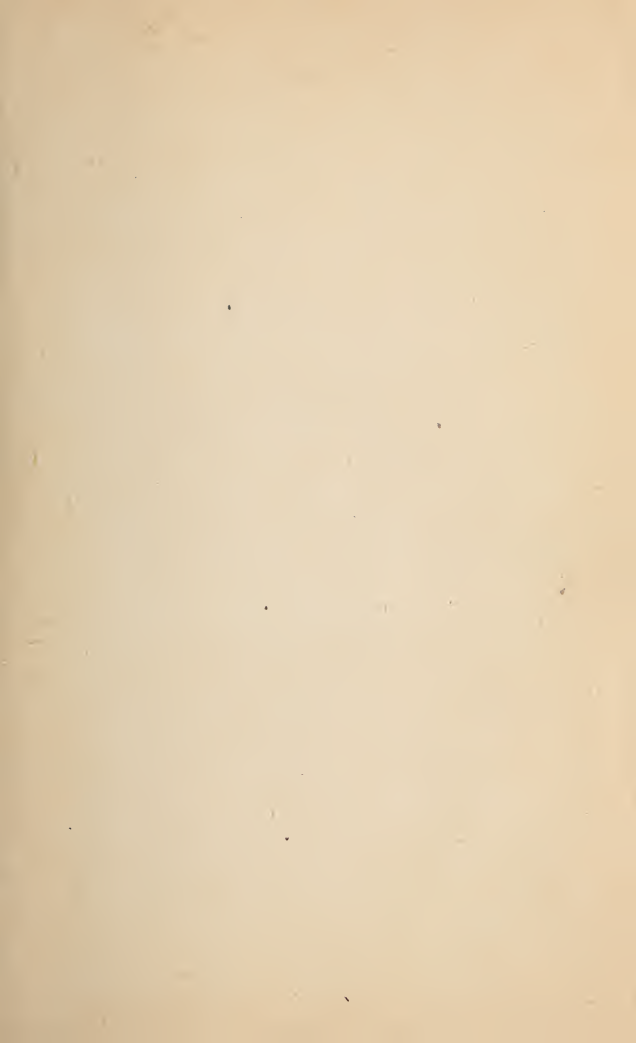
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Association for a Happy Death



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PREFACE.

A good BONA MORS MANUAL should provide for the needs of three classes of persons : the living, the dying, and the dead. A glance at the contents of this book will show how well this has been done.

For the living, a variety of beautiful services, some of them choral, is offered for the public meetings of the Arch-Confraternity. An excellent selection of devotions for private use is also given.

For the sick and dying, the Church offices for the administering of the Last Sacraments and the Recommendation of a Departing Soul will be found.

Devout assistance at funerals will be assured by following the Mass of Requiem and the Prayers at the Burial. A collection of indulgenced prayers will enable the living to help their departed friends.

Thus does the Manual aid the living to prepare for a happy death, assist the dying to die in holy confidence, and move the faithful on earth to hasten the eternal rest of the souls in purgatory.

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THE BONA MORS CONFRATERNITY.

I. Origin.

This Confraternity was founded October 2, 1648, in the Church of the Gesù, Rome, by Father Vincent Caraffa, seventh General of the Society of Jesus.

It was approved by the Sovereign Pontiffs Innocent X. and Alexander VII. In 1729 it was raised to an Archconfraternity and enriched with numerous indulgences by Benedict XIII. He authorized the Father General of the Society of Jesus, who, in virtue of his office, was the Director, to erect Bona Mors Confraternities in all the churches of his Order. In 1827 Leo XII. gave to the Director General the power to erect and affiliate branch confraternities in churches not belonging to the Society of Jesus, and to give them a share in all the privileges and indulgences of the Archconfraternity.

II. Object.

The short Latin title BONA MORS, which means a *Happy Death*, states the object of the association: to prepare its members by a well-regulated life to die in peace with God.

III. Means.

The longer title, "Confraternity of our Lord Jesus Christ dying on the Cross, and of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, His sorrowful Mother," expresses the chief means to attain that end: devotion to the Passion of Christ and to the Sorrows of Mary. Besides this the union of prayers and good works of the Associates, and the special instructions at the public meetings help powerfully to prepare for a happy death.

IV. Membership.

The conditions for membership are: to present oneself to the Director; to express to him one's desire to become a member; to receive from him an outward sign of acceptance, usually in the form of a Certificate of Admission; and to have one's name inscribed in the local Bona Mors Register.

It is evident from these conditions that young children, the absent and the dead are not eligible to membership.

Only "by an unusual and extraordinary exception," says a Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, "is it allowed to enroll those absent." The Director is authorized to decide what constitutes such an exceptional case.

There is no initiation fee; the expenses for

meetings, prints, etc., may be met by monthly dues, or by collections.

No external badge is worn.

No ceremonial is used at the reception of members, but when many candidates are admitted at the same time, it is edifying for them to recite together the act of Consecration, page 26.

V. Practices.

The following practices are recommended: to say daily three *Our Fathers* and three *Hail Marys* in honor of the Three Hours' Agony of Christ crucified; to attend all the public meetings; to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass even on weekdays; to examine one's conscience every night; to approach the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist once a month, or more frequently, if possible; to spend a day, every month, or at least some time every year in preparation for death; to practise works of mercy, visit the sick, and see that they receive the Last Sacraments in due time; to accompany the dead to the grave and pray for them; to apply to the souls of departed members the indulgences of one Holy Communion and one pair of beads; to do some penance or mortification on Fridays; to have in one's room a crucifix and a representation of the Mother of Sorrows before which to recite daily the three *Our Fathers* and

Hail Marys ; to have a special devotion to St. Joseph ; finally by one's whole life to honor the sufferings of Jesus and Mary on Calvary, and thus obtain for oneself and for the living a happy death, and for the faithful departed a speedy release from purgatory.

VI. Privileges.

The following indulgences may be gained by members of the Confraternity and are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

PLENARY : 1. On the day of admission.

2. At the hour of death.

3. On any one Sunday or Friday of each month for attending the usual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the meetings.

4. (a) On the feasts of our Lord's Nativity, Epiphany, Resurrection and Ascension ; on Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi.

(b) On the feasts of our Lady's Immaculate Conception, Nativity, Annunciation, Purification and Assumption.

(c) On the feasts of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, of SS. Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, Philip and James, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude, Matthias, St. Joseph and All Saints.

5. On the third Sunday after Easter (Patronage of St. Joseph), and the third Sunday of September (feast of Seven Dolors).

All these indulgences can be gained on the usual conditions of Confession, Communion and prayers for the Pope's intention.

6. The indulgences of the "Stations" at Rome may be gained on the days specified by visiting the Church or Chapel of the Confraternity and reciting seven *Our Fathers* and seven *Hail Marys*.

PARTIAL.—I. Of seven years and seven quarantines for assisting at the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the meetings on Sundays or Fridays.

2. Of one year for the following good works: Hearing Mass on week days; examining one's conscience at night; visiting the sick or prisoners; assisting at a funeral.

VII. Meetings.

Public meetings are held at least once a month on Friday or Sunday. The days mentioned are the ones specified for gaining the indulgences.

VIII. Exercises.

Instructions should be on the Passion of our Lord, the Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin, the Four Last Things or similar subjects. During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament prayers should be offered for a holy life and happy death for the members and for all the faithful departed.

PUBLIC DEVOTIONS.

ORDER OF SERVICES.

1. Opening prayer.
2. Hymn.
3. Announcements.
4. Instruction.
5. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
6. O salutaris.
7. *a.* Litany for a Happy Death.
b. Stations of the Sacred Passion.
c. Devotion to the Five Wounds.
d. Colloquy with Christ Crucified.
8. Tantum ergo.
9. Benediction.
10. Laudate or Parce.
11. De Profundis.

N.B. In churches where the Bona Mors devotion follows Vespers, omit the opening hymn. Great variety is offered under number 7 ; one or two would be sufficient at a service.

When members are received publicly, it should be done after the Instruction and the act of Consecration may be recited. Instead of the Hymn some verses of the Stabat Mater may be sung.

THE SERVICES.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Open, O Lord, our mouths, to bless Thy Holy Name ; cleanse our hearts from all vain, bad and distracting thoughts. Enlighten our

understanding, inflame our will, that we may worthily perform this holy exercise with attention and devotion, and deserve to be heard in the presence of Thy divine Majesty, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then may be sung some verses of the

HYMN.

Jesus, ever sorrowing Saviour,
Thou didst live and die for me,
Living I will live to love Thee,
Dying, I will die for Thee.

Jesus! Jesus!

By Thy life and death of sorrow,
Help me in mine agony. (*bis.*)

When the last dread hour approaching
Fills my guilty soul with fear,
All my sins rise up before me,
All my virtues disappear.

Jesus! Jesus!

Turn not Thou in anger from me;
Mary, Joseph, then be near. (*bis.*)

Jesus, when in cruel anguish,
Dying on the shameful tree,
All abandoned by Thy Father,
Thou didst writhe in agony.

Jesus ! Jesus !
 By those three long hours of sorrow,
 Thou didst purchase hope for me. (*bis.*)

Then by all that Thou didst suffer,
 Grant me mercy in that day ;
 Help me Mary, my sweet Mother,
 Holy Joseph, be my stay.

Jesus ! Jesus !
 Let me die, my lips repeating,
 Jesus, mercy ! Mary pray. (*bis.*)

Announcement of the names of the sick and lately deceased members.

Instruction.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA.

O salutaris hostia,
 Quae coeli pandis ostium ;
 Bella premunt hostilia,
 Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
 Sit sempiterna gloria,
 Qui vitam sine termino
 Nobis donet in patria.

Amen.

Litany for a Happy Death.

From the Roman Ritual.

CANTOR. CHOIR.

Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.

CANTOR. CHOIR.

Holy Mary, Pray for us.

All ye holy angels and archangels,
 Holy Abel,
 All ye choirs of the just,
 Holy Abraham,
 St. John the Baptist,
 St. Joseph,
 All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
 St. Peter,
 St. Paul,
 St. Andrew,
 St. John,
 All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
 All ye holy disciples of our Lord,

Pray for us.

All ye holy Innocents,
 St. Stephen,
 St. Lawrence,
 All ye holy martyrs,
 St. Sylvester,
 St. Gregory,
 St. Austin,
 All ye holy bishops and confessors,
 St. Benedict,
 St. Francis,
 St. Camillus,
 St. John of God,
 All ye holy monks and hermits,
 St. Mary Magdalen,
 St. Lucy,
 All ye holy virgins and widows,
 All ye saints of God, *Intercede for us,*

Pray for us.

CANTOR. CHOR.

Be merciful un - to us, Spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful un - to us, Hear us, O Lord.

CANTOR. CHOR.

From Thine anger, O Lord, de - liv - er us.

From the peril of death,
 From an evil death,
 From the pains of hell,
 From all evil,
 From the power of the devil,
 By Thy nativity,
 By Thy cross and passion,
 By Thy death and burial,
 By Thy glorious resurrection,
 By Thy admirable ascension,
 By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the
 Comforter,
 In the day of judgment,

O Lord, deliver us.

CANTOR. CHOIR.

We sin - ners, We be-seech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldst spare us, We be-seech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring us
 unto true repentance,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal
 rest to all the faithful departed,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us,

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us,

Let us pray.

We beseech Thy clemency, O Lord, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe so to confirm Thy servants in Thy grace, that at the hour of death, the enemy may not prevail over us, and that we may deserve to pass with Thy angels into everlasting life.

Almighty and most gracious God, who, for Thy thirsting people, didst bring forth from the rock a stream of living water, draw forth from our hard hearts tears of compunction, that we may bewail our sins, and receive forgiveness of them from Thy mercy.

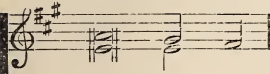

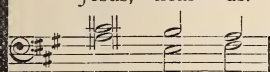
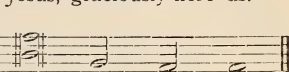
O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, behold us prostrate at Thy feet. With our whole heart we detest our sins of thought, word, and deed, and because we love Thee, and will love Thee above all created things, we steadfastly purpose, by the help of Thy grace, never more to offend Thee, and rather to die than to commit one mortal sin. *Amen.*

Devotion to the Five Wounds.

I. To the Wound of the Left Foot.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we adore the sacred wound of Thy left foot. We thank Thee for the pain which Thou didst endure with so much love and charity. We condole with Thee in Thy sufferings, and with Thy afflicted

Mother. We humbly beg pardon for our sins, which we deplore beyond all imaginable evils. Vouchsafe to convert all sinners, and to make them understand the enormity of mortal sin.

CANTOR.	CHOIR.
	
Jesus, hear us.	Jesus, graciously hear us.
	

Or one *Glory*, five *Our Fathers*, one *Hail Mary*, may be said.

Then is sung standing :

Sancta Mater, istud agas,
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.

The same in English :

Those five wounds on Jesus smitten,
Mother, in my heart be written,
Deep as in thine own they be.

II. To the Wound of the Right Foot.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we adore the sacred wound of Thy right foot. We thank Thee for the pain which Thou didst endure with so much love and charity. We condole with Thee in Thy sufferings, and with Thy afflicted Mother. Grant us strength against all tempta-

tions, and prompt obedience in the execution of Thy holy will. Comfort, O Jesus, the poor, the miserable, the afflicted, and all who are tempted or persecuted. Most just Judge, govern those who administer justice, and assist all those who labor in the care of souls.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Or one *Glory*, five *Our Fathers*, one *Hail Mary*.

Sancta Mater, istud agas, etc.

III. To the Wound of the Left Hand.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we adore the sacred wound of Thy left hand. We thank Thee for the pain which Thou didst endure with so much love and charity. We condole with Thee in Thy sufferings, and with Thy afflicted Mother. Preserve us from the pains of hell; grant us patience in all the trials of this life, and conformity in all things to Thy blessed will. Pardon all our enemies, and all those who bear ill-will against us. Grant patience to the sick, and restore them to health; support with Thy assisting grace all who are in their agony, that they may not perish.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Or one *Glory*, five *Our Fathers*, one *Hail Mary*.

Sancta Mater, istud agas, etc.

IV. To the Wound of the Right Hand.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we adore the Sacred wound of Thy right hand. We thank Thee for the pain which Thou didst endure with so much love and charity. We condole with Thee in Thy sufferings and with Thy afflicted Mother. Grant us a resolute will to seek those things which concern our salvation, and the grace of final perseverance. Grant likewise, O Jesus, peace and relief to the souls in purgatory, and daily advance towards perfection Thy holy servants in this world, more especially those who are of this Confraternity.

Jesus hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Or one *Glory*, five *Our Fathers*, one *Hail Mary*.

Sancta Mater, istud agas, etc.

V. To the Wound of the Sacred Side.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we adore the sacred wound of Thy blessed side. We thank Thee for the infinite love manifested towards us at the opening of Thy Sacred Heart. Grant us a pure and perfect charity, that loving all things for Thy sake, and Thee above all things, we may breathe our last in the purest sentiments of divine love. Protect Thy holy Catholic Church,

direct Thy governing Vicar upon earth, all ecclesiastical orders, and all pious persons who are instrumental in the conversion of souls. Preserve in Thy holy service all Christian rulers. Lead back into the way of salvation all those who have gone astray, whether through malice or ignorance ; and bring under Thy sacred yoke all infidels, heretics, and enemies of Thy holy name.

CANTOR.—Jesus, hear us.

CHOIR.—Jesus, graciously hear us.

Or one *Glory*, five *Our Fathers*, one *Hail Mary*.

Sancta Mater, istud agas, etc.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, God of my heart, by those Five Wounds which Thy love for us inflicted on Thee on the Cross, succor Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. *Amen.*

Most merciful Redeemer, we humbly beseech Thee, by Thy unheard-of torments, and the sorrow Thou didst suffer when Thy soul was separated from Thy body, to secure for us eternal salvation, and to console us at the hour of our death, as Thou didst console the peni-

tent thief, with the thought that we are certain to be with Thee in Paradise. *Amen.*

Let us say three *Our Fathers*, and three *Hail Marys*, in memory of the three hours our Redeemer hung upon the Cross, for the souls of the faithful departed of this Confraternity.

Let us also pray for those who are in the deplorable state of mortal sin, and for the members of this Confraternity who are next to die, that they may depart happily, strengthened with the holy sacraments of the Church.

Let us dispose ourselves, by acts of perfect contrition and of pure love of God, to receive profitably the benediction of our Lord and Saviour in the adorable Sacrament of the Altar.

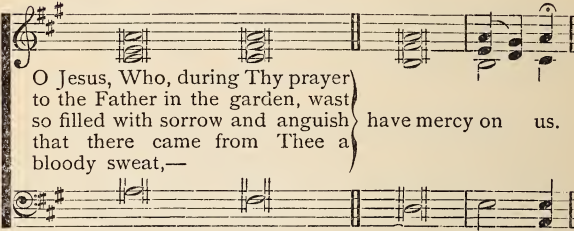
O merciful Redeemer, and God of infinite patience, great is our confusion when we appear in Thy divine presence. We abhor all our crimes of thought, word, and deed, not merely for the fear of punishment, or for the hope of reward, but for Thy sake, and because Thou dost infinitely detest them. O God of majesty and mercy, look upon the sacred marks in Thy hands, feet, and side, which Thou dost still retain in Thy glorified body, that they may plead in our behalf. Strengthen our weakness, confirm our resolution of never

more offending Thee ; rather let us lose every-thing, even life itself, than lose Thy favor by mortal sin. O Saviour of perishing mankind, who openest Thy hand and fillest every creature with benediction, give us now such a blessing as, when ascending in triumph from the Mountain of Olives, Thou didst bestow on Thy beloved disciples, that we may live and die in these happy dispositions. *Amen.*

The Stations of the Sacred Passion.

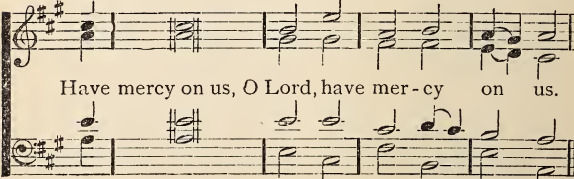
(Said alternately by priest and members.)

CANTOR.



O Jesus, Who, during Thy prayer
to the Father in the garden, wast
so filled with sorrow and anguish } have mercy on us.
that there came from Thee a
bloody sweat,—

CHOIR.



Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mer-cy on us.

O Jesus, who wast betrayed by the kiss of a traitor into the hands of the wicked, seized and bound like a thief, and forsaken by Thy disciples ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; Have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who, by the unjust council of the Jews, wast sentenced to death, led like a malefactor before Pilate, scorned and derided by impious Herod ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast stripped of Thy garments and most cruelly scourged at the pillar ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast crowned with thorns, buffeted, struck with a reed, blindfolded, clothed with a purple garment, in many ways derided, and overwhelmed with reproaches ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast less esteemed than the murderer Barabbas, rejected by the Jews, and unjustly condemned to the death of the Cross ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast loaded with a cross, and led to the place of execution as a lamb to the slaughter ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast numbered among thieves, blasphemed and derided, made to drink of gall and vinegar, and crucified in dreadful torment from the sixth to the ninth hour ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who didst expire on the Cross, who wast pierced with a lance in presence of Thy holy Mother, and from whose side poured forth blood and water ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast taken down from the Cross, and bathed in the tears of Thy most sorrowing Virgin Mother ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast covered with bruises, marked with the Five Wounds, embalmed with spices and laid in the sepulchre ; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

CANTOR.

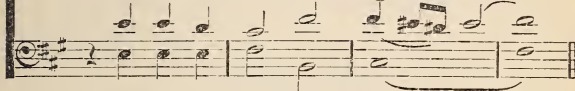


V He hath truly borne our sorrows.

CHOIR.



R And he hath carried our griefs.....

*Let us pray.*

O God, who, for the redemption of the world, didst deign to be born, to be circumcised, to be rejected by the Jews, and betrayed by Judas with a kiss; to be bound with fetters, and led like an innocent lamb to the slaughter, to be ignominiously brought before Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod; to be accused by false witnesses, to be scourged, buffeted, and reviled, to be spit upon, to be crowned with thorns, and struck with a reed; to be blindfolded, to be stripped of Thy garments, to be nailed to a cross, and raised thereon; to be numbered among thieves, to be made to drink of gall and vinegar, and to be pierced with a lance; do Thou, O Lord, by these Thy most holy sufferings, which we, Thy servants, com-

memorate and by Thy most holy cross and death, deliver us from the pains of hell, and conduct us, as Thou didst the penitent thief, into Thy paradise. Who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

Colloquy with Christ Crucified.

(Prayers of St. Pius V.)

I.

Lord Jesus Christ, my crucified Saviour, Son of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, open Thine ear and listen to me, as Thou didst listen to Thy eternal Father on Mount Thabor.

Apostles' Creed.

II.

Lord Jesus Christ, my crucified Saviour, Son of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, open Thine eyes and look down upon me, as Thou didst look down, from the tree of the Cross, upon Thy sorrowing and afflicted Mother.

Apostles' Creed.

III.

Lord Jesus Christ, my crucified Saviour, Son of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred lips and speak to me, as Thou didst

speak to St. John, when Thou gavest him as a son to Thy beloved Mother.

Apostles' Creed.

IV.

Lord Jesus Christ, my crucified Saviour, Son of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, open Thine arms and embrace me, as Thou didst open them on the tree of the Cross, to embrace the whole human race.

Apostles' Creed.

V.

Lord Jesus Christ, my crucified Saviour, Son of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, open Thy Heart and accept mine, and graciously hear my prayer, if such be the pleasure of Thy most holy will.

Apostles' Creed.

60 days, each time.

TANTUM ERGO.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui,
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui,

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio ;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

Amen.

V. Panem de caelo praestitisti eis.

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

Oremus.

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti : tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum. *Amen.*

PARCE, DOMINE.

Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo : ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

LAUDATE DOMINUM.

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto : sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. *Amen.*

De Profundis.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord ; Lord hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, shalt observe iniquities, O Lord, who shall endure it?

Because with Thee there is merciful forgiveness, and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let us pray.

O most merciful Jesus, lover of souls, we pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thy immaculate Mother, to cleanse in Thy blood the sinners of the whole world, who are now in their agony and are to die this day.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have mercy on the dying.

100 days, each time.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Act of Consecration.

O Jesus, crucified and dying on the Cross for the sins of the world, I, though a most unworthy sinner, and guilty of Thy most bitter passion and death, am moved by the desire of becoming more pleasing to Thee, and of obtaining the grace of a holy death. Wherefore, in the presence of the whole heavenly court, I consecrate myself entirely to Thee, in remembrance of Thy most precious death on the Cross, and of the sorrows of Thy most Blessed Mother. I firmly purpose to attend the meetings of this Confraternity, to observe all its Rules and Customs and to procure with all my power an increase in its numbers and the maintenance of this devotion of the Happy Death in its fervor throughout the world.

Therefore I beseech Thee, O most merciful Redeemer, through Thy most painful death and Thy most precious blood, through the sufferings and grief of Thy sorrowful Mother, to admit me within Thy most Sacred Wounds. Accept this my offering, and place me in the number of Thy servants and perpetual adorers,

O Jesus, help me ; O Mary, assist me in all my thoughts, words and actions, during my whole life, that I may deserve to expire in your most loving embrace. Oh, forsake me not at the hour of death.

STABAT MATER.

At the Cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last :
Through her heart, His sorrows sharing,
All His bitter anguish bearing,
Lo, the piercing sword had passed.

O how sad and sore distressed,
Now was she, the Mother Blessed
Of the sole-begotten One :
Woe-begone, with heart's prostration,
Mother meek, the bitter Passion
Saw she of her glorious Son.

Who could mark, from tears refraining,
Christ's dear Mother uncomplaining,
In so great a sorrow bowed ?
Who, unmoved, behold her languish
Underneath His Cross of anguish,
Mid the fierce, unpitying crowd ?

For His people's sins rejected,
She her Jesus, unprotected,
Saw with thorns, with scourges rent :
Saw her Son from judgment taken,
Her beloved in death forsaken,
Till His spirit forth He sent.

Fount of love and holy sorrow,
Mother, may my spirit borrow
Somewhat of thy woe profound ;
Unto Christ, with pure emotion
Raise my contrite heart's devotion,
Love to read in every wound.

Those five wounds on Jesus smitten,
Mother, in my heart be written,
Deep as in thine own they be :
Thou, my Saviour's cross who bearest,
Thou, thy Son's rebuke who sharest,
Let me share them both with thee.

In the Passion of my Maker
Be my sinful soul partaker,
Weep till death, and weep with thee ;
Mine with thee be that sad station,
There to watch the great salvation
Wrought upon the atoning Tree.

Virgin thou of virgins fairest,
May the bitter woes thou sharest
 Make on me impression deep :
Thus Christ's dying may I carry,
With Him in His Passion tarry,
 And His wounds in memory keep.

May His wounds transfix me wholly,
May His Cross and life-blood holy,
 Ebriate my heart and mind ;
Thus inflamed with pure affection,
In the Virgin's Son protection
 May I at the judgment find.

When in death my limbs are failing,
Let Thy Mother's prayer prevailing
 Lift me, Jesus, to Thy throne ;
To my parting soul be given
Entrance through the gate of heaven,
 There confess me for Thine own.

Amen.

PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.**IN THE MORNING.**

After the usual prayers, say :

THE CHRISTIAN ACTS.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee above all things, because Thou art infinitely good and worthy of being loved, I grieve with my whole heart for having offended Thee ; may I never offend Thee again.

MORNING OFFERING.

O Jesus, through the immaculate heart of Mary, I offer Thee the prayers, works and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy divine Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass, for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer ; and in particular for the members living and dead of this Confraternity.

PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS.

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous, teach me to serve Thee as Thou deservest ; to give and not to count the cost ; to fight, and not to heed the wounds ; to toil, and not to seek for rest ; to labor, and not to ask reward, save that of knowing that I do Thy will.

FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

Jesus, my only treasure, I give Thee every one of my thoughts, words, actions, breathings, steps and movements, from now till the hour of my death. Come for me then, dear Jesus, and grant me the grace I most humbly and ardently crave, that of dying in Thy Sacramental embrace, of being judged and sentenced while yet incorporated with Thy sacred Body, and of being presented by Thee to Thy Eternal Father, spotless from the fountain of Thy precious blood.

And since I must so soon leave this world, I will place in Jesus my desires, my thoughts and my affections, by entering into His tender and loving Heart. There I will hide myself as in a sepulchre, and will rest in a sweet sleep. When, at length, I breathe my last, I will place my heart in His opened side ; I will confide my heart to His Heart.

MEMORARE.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come ; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. *Amen.*

300 days, each time.

ST. JOSEPH.

Guardian of virgins and father, holy Joseph, to whose faithful care Christ Jesus, innocence itself, and Mary, Virgin of virgins, were committed: I pray and beg of thee, by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, free me from all uncleanness, and make me with spotless mind, pure heart and chaste body, ever most chastely to serve Jesus and Mary, all the days of my life. *Amen.*

100 days, once a day.

ANGEL GUARDIAN.

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom His love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

100 days, each time.

ASPIRATION.

May the most just, most high, and most amiable will of God be done in all things, be praised and magnified forever.

100 days, once a day.

Occasional Reflections on Death.

Sunday.

1. We must all die and leave all.
2. We brought nothing with us into this world, and we shall not carry out anything with us.
3. Therefore put off all undue affection for creatures, before you are called to leave them.

Monday.

1. Death is certain ; but the time, place and manner are uncertain.
2. The Son of Man will come at an hour we little expect.
3. Be ready, therefore, at any moment ; for you may die at any moment.

Tuesday.

1. You can only die once ; and if you die unprepared the loss is irreparable.
2. If any one could return from hell to earth and live again, how would he prepare for death ?
3. Let the miseries of another be a lesson for you.

Wednesday.

1. Death is often nearer than we imagine.
2. Are you so ready that if death comes suddenly it will be no surprise to you?
3. Do not live in a state in which you dare not die.

Thursday.

1. Do not delay to do penance till the hour of death.
2. The pains of the body and the anguish of the mind make that hour unsuitable for penance.
3. Learn every day the art of dying well.

Friday.

1. Live as you intend to die ; for you will likely die as you live.
2. If you forget God in your lifetime, you will probably forget yourself and be forgotten by God at the hour of death.
3. The death of the wicked is miserable ; the death of the just is precious in the sight of God.

Saturday.

1. All is terrible in death : the sins we have committed, the doubtful state of our soul, and the thought of eternity.
2. O death, how bitter is thy memory to a man who has peace in his possessions.
3. Put off, therefore, all affection for earthly happiness.

Invocations for a Good Death.

Lord Jesus, gracious God, Father of mercy, I present myself before Thee with a humble and contrite heart. I commend my last hour and all that shall follow into Thy hands.

When my immovable feet shall warn me that my course in this life shall soon be finished,

When my eyes, obscured at the approach of death, shall cast their dying looks towards Thee,

When my lips, cold and trembling, shall pronounce for the last time Thy adorable name,

When my pale and livid cheeks shall inspire the beholders with compassion,

When the cold sweat of death shall announce my approaching end,

When my ears shall be about to close to every human voice, and open only to hear the irrevocable sentence of Thy justice, which shall separate me from the number of the living,

When my imagination, agitated by dark and terrifying phantoms, shall be plunged in cruel sadness,

Merciful Jesus, have pity on me.

When my mind, troubled at the sight of my iniquities and by the fear of Thy justice shall contend with the angel of darkness, who would hide Thy mercies from me, and cast me into despair,

When my weak heart overpowered by the pains of sickness, shall be seized with the horrors of death,

When I shall be surrounded by my relatives and friends, lamenting my sad condition, and offering up to Thee their supplications in my behalf,

When I shall shed my last tears, the forerunners of my dissolution, receiving them as a tribute of penance,

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, and the whole world shall disappear from my view,

When the last sighs of my heart shall force my soul from my body, accepting them as expressive of a holy impatience to be Thine,

When my soul shall be on my lips departing from this world, and shall leave my body cold and lifeless, accepting the destruction of my being, as a homage paid to Thy divine Majesty.

When my soul shall appear before Thee, and for the first time, behold the glory of Thy countenance, oh, that it may not

Merciful Jesus, have pity on me.

be then cast from Thee, but that it may be received into the bosom of Thy mercy, to sing Thy praises forever.

Merciful Jesus, have pity on me.

Let us pray.

O God, who condemning us to death, hast concealed from us the moment of its occurrence, grant that, spending all the days of our lives in justice and holiness, we may have the happiness to breathe our last in Thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT EVERY HOUR.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit and all those who are in their agony at this hour.

AN OFFERING DURING MASS.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the sacrifice which Thy beloved Son, Jesus, made of Himself on the Cross, and now renews on this altar. I offer it in the name of all creatures, together with the Masses which have been said and which shall be said throughout the whole world, to adore Thee and give Thee the honor which Thou deservest ; to render Thee the thanks which are due Thee for Thy numberless benefits, to appease Thy anger, and to satisfy for our many sins ; to supplicate Thee

for myself, for the Church, for the whole world, and for the holy souls in Purgatory.

300 days, once a day during Mass.

After Communion.



BEFORE A CRUCIFIX.

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, put on Thy lips: "They dug my hands and my feet, they numbered all my bones." Ps. xxi, 17-18.

Plenary Indulgence,

ANIMA CHRISTI.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malignant enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee
For all eternity. *Amen.*

300 days, each time.

PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS.

Take, O Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding and my whole
will. Thou hast given me all that I am and
all that I possess; I surrender all to Thee that
Thou mayest dispose of it according to Thy
will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace;
with these I shall be rich enough, and have no
more to desire.

300 days, once a day.

IN HONOR OF THE SACRED PASSION.

O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, may Thy
passion, I beseech Thee, be my strength, to

shelter, guard and protect me ; Thy wounds, my meat and drink, to feed, inebriate, and delight me : may the sprinkling of Thy blood wash away all my sins ; Thy death be my glory for all eternity. In this be my refreshment, my joy, my health, and the sweetness of my heart.

Indulgenced Prayers.

O sacrament most holy ! O sacrament divine !
All praise and all thanksgiving be every
moment thine.

100 days, once a day.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved
everywhere.

100 days, once a day.

My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge, but my
Saviour.

50 days, each time.

Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,
Make my heart like unto Thine.

300 days, once a day.

Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things.

50 days, each time.

My Jesus, mercy.

100 days, each time.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

100 days, once a day.

Mary, Mother of God and Mother of mercy,
pray for me and for the faithful departed.

100 days, once a day.

To Thee, O Virgin Mother, never touched
by stain of sin, original or actual, I recommend
and confide the purity of my heart.

100 days, once a day.

Blessed be the holy and immaculate concep-
tion of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother
of God.

300 days, each time.

O Mary, who didst come into this world
free from stain, obtain of God for me that
I may leave it without sin.

100 days, once a day.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us,
who have recourse to thee.

100 days, once a day.

Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation.

300 days, each time.

St. Joseph, pattern and patron of lovers of
the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

100 days, once a day.

Help us, Joseph, in our earthly strife
E'er to lead a pure and blameless life.

300 days, once a day.

Prayers in Honor of St. Joseph.

FOR THE DYING.

Eternal Father by Thy love for St. Joseph, whom Thou didst select from among all men to represent Thee upon earth, have mercy on us and on the dying.

One *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

Eternal Son of God, by Thy love for St. Joseph, who was Thy faithful guardian upon earth, have mercy on us and on the dying.

One *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

Eternal Spirit of God, by Thy love for St. Joseph, who so carefully watched over Mary, Thy beloved spouse, have mercy on us and on the dying.

One *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

300 days, once a day.

AN OFFERING.

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the blood, the passion and the death of Jesus Christ, the sorrows of Mary most holy, and of St. Joseph, in satisfaction for our sins, in aid of the holy souls in purgatory, for the needs of holy Mother Church, and for the conversion of sinners.

100 days, once a day,

A SHORT WAY OF THE CROSS.

My Jesus, Mercy.

First Station.

Jesus is Condemned to Death.

O Jesus, so meek and uncomplaining, teach me resignation in trial.

After each Station say : My Jesus, Mercy.

Second Station.

Jesus Carries His Cross.

My Jesus, this Cross should be mine, not Thine ; my sins crucified Thee.

Third Station.

Jesus Falls the First Time.

O Jesus, by this first fall, never let me fall into mortal sin.

Fourth Station.

Jesus Meets His Mother.

O Jesus, may no human tie, however dear, keep me from following the Road of the Cross.

Fifth Station.

Simon the Cyrenean helps Jesus carry His Cross.

Simon unwillingly assisted Thee, may I with patience suffer all for Thee.

Sixth Station.

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus.

O Jesus, Thou didst imprint Thy sacred features upon Veronica's veil, stamp them also indelibly upon my heart.

Seventh Station.

Jesus Falls the Second Time.

By Thy second fall, preserve me, dear Lord, from relapse into sin.

Eighth Station.

Jesus Consols the Women of Jerusalem.

My greatest consolation would be to hear Thee say: "Many sins are forgiven thee because thou hast loved much."

Ninth Station.

Jesus Falls the Third Time.

O Jesus, when weary upon life's long journey, be Thou my strength and my perseverance.

Tenth Station.

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments.

My soul has been robbed of its robe of innocence; clothe me, dear Jesus, with the garb of penance and contrition.

Eleventh Station.

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross.

Thou didst forgive Thy enemies—my God, teach me to forgive injuries and forget them.

Twelfth Station.

Jesus Dies on the Cross.

Thou art dying, my Jesus, but Thy Sacred Heart still throbs with love for Thy sinful children.

Thirteenth Station.

Jesus is Taken down from the Cross.

Receive me into thy arms, O sorrowful Mother; and obtain for me perfect contrition for my sins.

Fourteenth Station.

Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre.

When I receive Thee into my heart in Holy Communion, O Jesus, make it a fit abiding place for Thy adorable Body.

Collect.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who to redeem the world didst at the sixth hour of the day mount the gibbet of the Cross and shed Thy precious blood for the remission of our sins; grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that after our death we may joyfully enter the gates of eternal bliss, who livest and reignest for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Devotion of the Stations has been enriched with all the indulgences granted those who visit the holy places of Jerusalem. The indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory. No special prayers are of obligation; a pious thought on our Lord's passion at each Station suffices. — *Raccolta*.

THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents ; neither take thou revenge of our sins.

1. Psalm 6.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger : nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak : heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

My soul also is troubled exceedingly : but thou, O Lord, how long ?

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For in death there is no one that is mindful of thee : and who will give thee thanks in hell ?

I have labored in my groanings, every night will I wash my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is troubled through indignation : I have grown old amongst all mine enemies.

Depart from me all ye workers of iniquity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication : the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be put to shame, and be sore troubled: let them be turned back, and put to shame very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

2. *Psalm 31.*

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven: and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent, my bones grew old: whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sin unto thee: and mine iniquity I have not concealed.

I said I will confess against myself mine iniquity unto the Lord: and thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to thee in a seasonable time.

And yet in the flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me: my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way, in which thou shalt go : I will fix mine eyes upon thee.

Be not as the horse and the mule : that have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws : who come not near unto thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner ; but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye just : and be joyful, all ye that are right of heart.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

3. Psalm 37.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thine indignation : neither chasten me in thy sore displeasure.

For thine arrows are fastened in me : and thy hand presseth heavily upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath : there is no rest for my bones, because of my sin.

For mine iniquities are gone over my head : and as a heavy burden are become heavy upon me.

My sores have rotted and are corrupt : because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am greatly bowed down : I went about sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions : and there is no soundness in my flesh.

I am afflicted, and humbled exceedingly : I have roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord all my desire is before thee : and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath forsaken me : and the light of mine eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have drawn near, and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off : and those that sought after my soul used violence.

They that sought my hurt spoke vain things : and thought upon deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not : and I was as a dumb man that doth not open his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not : and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped : thou wilt hear me, O Lord, my God.

For I said, lest at any time mine enemies rejoice over me : and whilst my feet slip, they glory over me.

For I am ready for scourges : and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity : and I will be thoughtful of my sin.

But mine enemies live, and are stronger than I : and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good have slandered me : because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God : do not Thou depart from me.

Give heed unto my help, O Lord : Thou God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

4. *Psalm 50.*

Have mercy upon me, O God : according to thy great mercy,

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies : blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my iniquity : and my sin is always before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight : that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities :
and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold, thou hast loved truth : the secret
and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast
made manifest unto me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I
shall be cleansed : thou shalt wash me, and I
shall be made whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and glad-
ness : and the bones that were humbled shall
rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins ; and blot
out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God : and re-
new a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy face : and take
not thy holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation :
and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways : and the
wicked shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from sins of blood, O God, thou
God of my salvation : and my tongue shall
extol thy justice.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my
mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would

surely have given it : with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice unto God is an afflicted spirit : a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion : that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt-offerings : then shall they lay calves upon thine altars.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

5. *Psalm 101.*

Hear my prayer, O Lord : and let my cry come unto thee.

Turn not away thy face from me : in the day when I am in trouble, incline thine ear unto me.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee : O hearken unto me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke : and my bones are dried up like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered : for I have forgotten to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning my bones have cleaved unto my flesh.

I am become like a pelican in the wilderness : and like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become like a sparrow that sitteth alone on the housetop.

Mine enemies reviled me all the day long : and they that praised me have sworn against me.

For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thine indignation and wrath : for thou hast lifted me up and cast me down.

My days have gone down like a shadow : and I am withered like the grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest forever : and thy memorial unto all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that thou have mercy upon her ; yea, the time is come.

For thy servants have delighted in her stones : and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

All the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion : and he shall be seen in his glory.

He hath regard unto the prayer of the lowly : and hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written for another gen-

eration : and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord ;

For he hath looked down from his high and holy place ; out of heaven hath the Lord looked upon the earth.

That he might hear the groaning of them that are in fetters : that he might deliver the children of the slain.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion : and his praise in Jerusalem,

When the people assembled together : and the kings to serve the Lord,

He answered him in the way of his strength : declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days : thy years are unto generation and generation.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundations of the earth : and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou endurest : and they all shall grow old as a garment.

And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed : but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail :

The children of thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall be directed forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

6. *Psalm 129.* (Page 58.)7. *Psalm 142.*

Hear my prayer, O Lord : give ear to my supplication in thy truth : hearken unto me for thy justice sake.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul : he hath brought my life down unto the ground.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness as those that have been long dead ; and my spirit is vexed within me ; my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old, I meditated on all thy works : I have mused upon the works of thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee, as a land where no water is.

Hear me speedily, O Lord : my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away thy face from me ; lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Make me to hear thy mercy in the morning ; for in thee have I hoped.

Make me to know the way wherein I should walk : for to thee have I lifted up my soul.

Deliver me from mine enemies, O Lord, unto thee have I fled : teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land : for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou shalt quicken me in thy justice.

Thou shalt bring my soul out of trouble : and in thy mercy thou shalt destroy mine enemies.

And thou shalt destroy all them that afflict my soul : for I am thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents ; neither take thou revenge of our sins,

AT NIGHT.

Save us, O Lord, waking ; guard us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ and rest in peace.

V. Preserve us O Lord, as the apple of Thine eye.

R. And protect us under the shadow of Thy wings.

Let us pray.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our dwellings, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy. May Thy holy angels dwell therein to preserve us in peace ; and may Thy blessing be upon us forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SICK.

Almighty, everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those that believe ; hear us in behalf of Thy servants who are sick, for whom we implore the aid of Thy mercy, that, being restored to health ; they may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PERSEVERANCE.

Almighty and merciful God, who bestowest upon mankind both the remedies of salvation and the gifts of eternal life ; look mercifully upon us, Thy servants, and refresh the souls

which Thou hast created, that in the hour of their departure they may be found worthy to be presented, without stain of sin, by the hands of the holy angels to Thee, their Creator. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE DEAD.

Psalm 129.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, shalt observe iniquities, O Lord, who shall endure it?

Because with Thee there is merciful forgiveness, and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and with Him plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants de-

parted the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Merciful Jesus !

Grant them eternal rest.

Examination of Conscience.

I. THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

(Reflect for a moment on the presence of God.)

Thou, O God, seest me. Thou knowest the inmost thoughts of my mind, and the most hidden desires of my heart. May I realize this, and live as being ever in Thy sight, with Thee and for Thee.

II. ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

O my God, I adore Thee, I praise and bless Thee, and I thank Thee for all Thy benefits to me both of soul and body : for the gift of the true Faith, and all the graces actual and sanctifying bestowed upon me, and especially——. In return I offer Thee the praises of the just on earth, of the angels and saints in heaven, and above all of my blessed Mother, Mary, and of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

III. PETITION FOR LIGHT.

Come, O Holy Ghost, and enlighten my mind that I may discover, detest, bewail and

correct my sins, faults, and shortcomings, especially ———; that I may consider them in the light in which they appear to Him, the true Light which enlighteneth every one that cometh into this world, and in which light He will one day judge me.

IV. EXAMINATION.

O Lord, how far have I gone astray from the path of perfection ! How often have I again fallen !

(Review each hour or fixed portion of the day.)

What was my last thought at night, and the first in the morning ? Did I make devoutly the Morning Offering of all my thoughts, words, actions and sufferings of the day ? Have I renewed it from time to time ? Have I guarded my senses ? Have I controlled my thoughts ? Have I bridled my tongue ? Have I worked seriously ? Have I given thanks before and after meals ? In a word have I lived to-day as one who realizes that earth is but a place of pilgrimage and that I am a citizen of heaven ?

V. ACT OF CONTRITION.

O my God, I am heartily sorry that I have offended Thee, because Thou art all good and worthy of all my love, and everything that is sinful is displeasing to Thee. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace never to offend

Thee again, but to do all that I can to atone for my sins and to amend my life. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LORD.

Divine Jesus, incarnate Son of God, who, for our salvation, didst vouchsafe to be born in a stable ; to pass Thy life in poverty, trials and misery, and to die amid the sufferings of the Cross, I entreat Thee, say to Thy divine Father at the hour of my death : *Father, forgive him ;* say to Thy beloved Mother : *Behold thy son ;* say to my soul : *This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise.* My God, my God, forsake me not in that hour. *I thirst,* yes, my God, my soul thirsteth after Thee, who art the fountain of living waters. My life passeth like a shadow ; yet, a little while and all will be consummated. Wherefore, my adorable Saviour, from this moment, for all eternity, *Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.* Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

300 days, each time.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. O refuge of sinners, Mother of the agonizing, do not abandon us in the hour of our death, but obtain for us perfect sorrow, sincere contrition, remission of our sins, a worthy reception of the most holy

Viaticum, and the strengthening effect of the sacrament of Extreme Unction, that we may present ourselves with security before the throne of the just but likewise merciful Judge, our God and Redeemer.

100 days, once a day.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

Remember, O most pure spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet protector St. Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to thy protection or implored thy aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in thy goodness, I come before thee, and humbly supplicate thee. Oh, despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

300 days, once a day.

INVOCATION.

St. Michael, the archangel, my guardian angel, my heavenly patrons, all ye angels and saints, protect me in the day of battle, that I may not perish in the day of judgment.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart, my soul and my life.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe out my soul in peace with you.

300 days, each time.

THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

For the administration of the Last Sacraments, there should be a table near the sick-bed covered with a white linen cloth; a crucifix; one or two blessed candles; a spoon and a glass of water; and a vase with holy water. All present should kneel down when the priest is administering the sacraments.

Holy Viaticum.

The priest, entering the room of the sick person says :

V. Peace be to this house.

R. And to all who dwell therein.

He then places the Blessed Sacrament upon the table prepared. He next sprinkles the sick person, the bed and the room with holy water, saying :

Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed :

Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, according to Thy great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, etc.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Hear us, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God ; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all those who dwell in this house. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

After the confiteor has been recited, the priest says :

May almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee unto life everlasting.

R. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant thee pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of thy sins.

R. Amen.

The priest then shows the Blessed Sacrament to the sick person, saying :

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

Then he says thrice :

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof ; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

The sick person should say these words at least once with the priest, who then gives Holy Communion, saying :

Receive, *brother*, the viaticum of the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ ; may He preserve thee from the wicked enemy and bring thee unto everlasting life. Amen.

If Communion is not by way of viaticum, he says :

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve thy soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

The priest then says :

V. The Lord be with you,

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, we earnestly beseech Thee that the most Sacred Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, which our *brother* hath now received, may be to *him* an eternal remedy both of body and soul, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

EXTREME UNCTION.

The priest on entering the room, says :

V. Peace be to this house.

R. And to all who dwell therein.

Then follows the asperges, etc.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you,

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

May there enter, O Lord Jesus Christ, into this house, at our humble incoming, everlasting happiness, heaven-sent prosperity, peaceful gladness, fruitful charity and abiding health ; may the devils fear to approach this place, may the angels of peace be present therein, and may all wicked discord depart from this house. Magnify, O Lord, Thy holy name in us, and bless ✠ our ministry ; hallow our humble incoming, Thou who art holy and compassionate, and abidest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray and beseech our Lord Jesus Christ, that blessing He may bless ✠ this abode, and all who dwell therein. May He give them a good angel for their keeper, and make them serve Him, so that they may behold the wonderful things of His law. May He ward off

from them all adverse powers : may He deliver them from all fear and from all disquiet, and vouchsafe to keep in health those who dwell in this house. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Hear us, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, and vouchsafe to send Thy holy angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all those who dwell in this house. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then follows the Confiteor, etc., after which the priest says to the sick person :

In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost, may all the power of the devil be extinguished in thee by the laying on of our hands, and by the invocation of all the holy angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, virgins, and of the whole company of the saints. Amen.

He then anoints in succession the eyes, ears nostrils, lips, hands and feet, using the same formula only varying the last word according to the sense anointed.

Through this holy unction ✠ and of His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatever sins thou hast committed by sight,

hearing, smell, taste, speech, touch and foot-steps.

The priest then says :

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Save thy servant.

R. O my God, who putteth *his* trust in Thee.

V. Send *him* help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.

R. And defend *him* out of Sion.

V. Be unto *him*, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against *him*.

R. Nor the son of iniquity draw nigh to hurt *him*.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, who hast spoken by Thine Apostle James, saying : Is any man sick among

you? Let him call in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord : and the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up ; and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him ; cure, we beseech Thee, O our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, the ailments of this sick *man* ; heal *his* wounds, and forgive *his* sins ; drive out of him all pains of body and mind, and mercifully restore to *him* full health, both inwardly and outwardly : that, having recovered by the help of Thy loving kindness, *he* may be enabled to return to *his* former duties, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world, without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon Thy servant N, languishing through bodily ailment, and refresh the soul which Thou hast created, that, being bettered by Thy chastisements, *he* may feel *himself* saved by Thy healing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, who, by pouring Thy gracious blessing upon our failing bodies, dost preserve, by Thy manifold goodness, the work of Thy hands ;

graciously draw near at the invocation of Thy name, that, having freed Thy servant from sickness, and bestowed health upon *him*, Thou mayst raise *him* up by Thy right hand, strengthen *him* by Thy might, defend *him* by Thy power, and restore *him* to Thy Holy Church, with all the prosperity *he* desires. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Last Blessing and Plenary Indulgence.

The Priest says :

Peace be to this house.

R. And to all who dwell therein.

He then sprinkles the sick person, etc., after which he says :

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Ant. Remember not, O Lord, the offences of Thy servant, neither take Thou vengeance on his sins.

Lord, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father (*inaudibly.*)

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Save Thy servant.

R. O my Lord, who putteth *his* trust in Thee.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O most gracious God, Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, who wouldest not that any should perish who believeth and trusteth in Thee; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, look favorably upon Thy servant N. whom the true Faith and Hope of Christ do commend to Thee. Visit *him* with Thy saving power; and through the passion and death of Thy only begotten Son, graciously grant to *him* pardon and remission of all *his* sins; that *his* soul at the hour of its departure may find Thee a most merciful judge; and, cleansed from every stain in the Blood of the same, Thy Son, may be found worthy to pass to life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Confiteor and Misereatur are said; after which the Priest says :

May our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who gave to His blessed apostle Peter the power of binding and loosing, of His most tender mercy receive thy confession, and restore to thee that first robe which thou didst receive in Baptism; and I, by the power com-

mitted to me by the apostolic See, grant thee a plenary indulgence and remission of all thy sins : in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Through the most sacred mysteries of man's redemption may almighty God remit to thee the pains of the present and the future life, open to thee the gates of paradise, and bring thee to everlasting joy. *Amen.*

May God almighty bless thee ; the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

If the priest cannot be present to aid the dying person, then those around the death-bed should join in prayer for the departing soul. The following prayers especially should be recited.

Where N occurs insert the Christian name. Change the pronoun according to the sex.

Recommendation of a Soul Departing.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary.

All ye holy angels and archangels.

Holy Abel,

All ye choirs of the just,

Holy Abraham,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye patriarchs and prophets,

Pray for him.

Pray for him.

St. Peter,
 St. Paul,
 St. Andrew,
 St. John,
 All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
 All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
 All ye holy Innocents,
 St. Stephen,
 St. Lawrence,
 All ye holy martyrs,
 St. Sylvester,
 St. Gregory,
 St. Augustine,
 All ye holy bishops and confessors,
 St. Benedict,
 St. Francis,
 St. Camillus,
 St. John of God,
 All ye holy monks and hermits,
 St. Mary Magdalen,
 St. Lucy,
 All ye holy virgins and widows,

Pray for him.

All ye saints of God,

Make intercession for him.

Be merciful,

Spare him, O Lord.

Be merciful,

Deliver him, O Lord.

Be merciful,

Receive him, O Lord.

From Thy anger,

From the danger of death,

From an evil end,

From the pains of hell,

From all evil,

From the power of the devil,

By Thy nativity,

By Thy cross and passion,

By Thy death and burial,

By Thy glorious resurrection,

By Thy admirable ascension,

By the grace of the Holy Ghost,

the Comforter,

In the day of judgment,

We sinners,

Beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou spare *him*,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us,

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us,

Let us pray.

Depart, O Christian soul, out of this miserable world, in the name of God the Father almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy

Deliver him, O Lord.

Ghost, who sanctified thee ; in the name of the angels, archangels, thrones, dominations, cherubim and seraphim ; in the name of the patriarchs and prophets, of the holy apostles and evangelists, of the holy martyrs and confessors, of the holy monks and hermits, of the holy virgins and of all the saints of God ; let thy place be this day in peace, and thy abode in holy Sion : Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God of clemency, God of goodness ! O God, who according to the multitude of Thy mercies, forgivest the sins of such as repent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences, mercifully regard this Thy servant, N., and grant *him* a full discharge from all *his* sins, who most earnestly begs it of Thee. Repair O most merciful Father, whatever is corrupt in *him* through human frailty, or by the snares of the enemy ; make *him* a true member of the Church, and let *him* partake of the fruit of Thy redemption. Have compassion, O Lord, on *his* tears, and admit *him* to the sacrament of Thy reconciliation, who has no hope but in Thee : Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I recommend thee, dear *brother* [*sister*], to almighty God, and commit thee to His mercy, whose creature thou art ; that having paid the common debt by surrendering thy soul,

thou mayest return to thy Maker, who formed thee out of the earth. May, therefore, the noble company of angels meet thy soul at its departure; may the court of the apostles receive thee; may the triumphant army of glorious martyrs conduct thee; may the hosts of joyful confessors encompass thee; may the choir of blessed virgins go before thee; and may a happy rest be thy portion in the company of the patriarchs. May Jesus Christ appear to thee with a mild and cheerful countenance, and give thee a place among those who are to be in His presence forever. Mayest thou be a stranger to all who are condemned to darkness, chastised with flames, and punished with torments. May God command thy wicked enemy, with all his evil spirits, to depart from thee. At thy approach, encompassed by angels, may the infernal spirits tremble and retire into the horrid confusion of eternal night. May thy God arise, and thy enemies be put to flight. May all who hate Him fly before His face; let them vanish like smoke; or as wax before the fire, so let sinners perish in the sight of God. But as to the just, let them rejoice and be happy in His presence. May all the ministers of hell be filled with confusion and shame, and let no evil spirit dare to stop thy course to heaven. May Christ Jesus,

who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torments; may He deliver thee from eternal death, who for thy sake vouchsafed to die. May Christ Jesus, the Son of the living God, place thee in His garden of paradise; and may He, the true Shepherd, own thee for one of His flock. May He absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at His right hand, in the inheritance of His elect. O may it be thy happiness to behold thy Redeemer face to face; to be ever in His presence, in the beatific vision of that eternal truth which is the joy of the blessed. And thus placed among those happy spirits, mayest thou be forever filled with heavenly sweetness. *Amen.*

Receive Thy servant, O Lord, into that place, where *he* may hope for salvation from Thy mercy. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from all the dangers of hell, and from all pain and tribulation. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Noah in the flood. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant,

as Thou didst deliver Abraham from the midst of the Chaldeans. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Job from all his afflictions. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Isaac from being sacrificed by his father. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Lot from Sodom and the flames of fire. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Daniel from the lions' den. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver the three children from the fiery furnace and from the hands of an unmerciful king. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Susanna from her false accusers. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver David from the hands of Saul and Goliah. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant,

as Thou didst deliver Peter and Paul out of prison. *Amen.*

And as Thou didst deliver that blessed virgin and martyr, St. Thecla, from most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this Thy servant, and bring it to the participation of Thy heavenly joys. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

We commend to Thee, O Lord, the soul of this Thy servant, and beseech Thee, O Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, that, as in Thy mercy to *him*, Thou becamest man, so now Thou wouldst vouchsafe to admit *him* into the number of the blessed. Remember, O Lord, that *he* is Thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by Thee, the only true and living God ; for there is no other God but Thee, and none can work Thy wonders. Let *his* soul find comfort in Thy sight, and remember not *his* former sins, nor any of those excesses which *he* has fallen into, through the violence of passion and corruption. For although *he* has sinned, yet *he* has still retained a true faith in Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost : *he* has had a zeal for Thy honor, and faithfully adored Thee, *his* God, and the Creator of all things.

Remember not, O Lord, the sins and ignorances of *his* youth ; but according to Thy great mercy, be mindful of *him* in the eternal glory.

Let the heavens be opened to *him*, and let the angels rejoice with *him*. May St. Michael, the archangel, the chief of the heavenly host, conduct *him*; may blessed Peter, the apostle, to whom were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive *him*; may holy Paul, the apostle, and chosen vessel of election, assist *him*; may St. John, the Beloved Disciple, to whom the secrets of heaven were revealed, intercede for *him*; may all the holy apostles, to whom was given the power of binding and loosing, pray for *him*; may all the chosen servants and blessed martyrs of God, who, in this world, have suffered torments for the sake of Christ, intercede for *him*; that, being delivered from this body of corruption, *he* may be admitted into the kingdom of heaven: through the assistance and merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

If the sick person continues in distress of agony, it may be proper for the assistants to continue in prayer, repeating the preceding prayers, or saying the Penitential Psalms.

When the soul has departed, the following Responsory is to be said:

Come to *his* assistance, all ye saints of God; meet *him*, all ye angels of God; receive *his*

soul, and present it now before its Lord. May Jesus Christ receive *him*, and the angels conduct *him* to *his* place of rest; may they receive *his* soul, and present it now before its Lord.

Eternal rest grant *him*, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon *him*. May the angels present *him* now before the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Eternal rest grant *him*, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

V. From the gates of hell,

R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord,

V. May *he* rest in peace,

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

To Thee, O Lord, we recommend the soul of Thy servant, N., that being dead to this world, *he* may live to Thee; and whatever sins *he* has committed through human frailty, we beseech Thee, in Thy goodness, mercifully to pardon: Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE ASSISTANTS.

Grant, O Lord, that, while we here lament the departure of Thy servant, we may ever remember that we are most certainly to follow *him*. Give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden death; but be ever watching when Thou shalt call, that so with the spouse we may enter into eternal glory: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

MASS FOR THE DEAD.

ON THE DAY OF DECEASE OR BURIAL.

At the foot of the altar.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God, who giveth joy to my youth.

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

CONFITEOR OF THE PRIEST.

R. May almighty God have mercy on thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting.

P. *Amen*.

CONFITEOR OF THE PEOPLE.

I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, all the saints, and you, Father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

P. May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

P. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution and remission of our sins.

R. Amen.

P. Thou wilt turn again, O God, and quicken us.

R. And Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

P. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Going up to the Altar.

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord; that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kissing the altar he says :

We beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy saints whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

INTROIT.

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ps. 64. A hymn becometh Thee, O God, in Sion, and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem: O hear my prayer; unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

THE KYRIE.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who art disposed always to have mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech Thee for the soul of Thy servant N., which Thou hast this day commanded to depart out of this world ; that Thou deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it unto the end ; but command the holy angels to take it and carry it to paradise, its true country, that as in Thee it hath hoped and believed, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but may attain everlasting joys. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE I. THES. iv, 12-17.

Brethren, we will not have you ignorant concerning them that are asleep, that you be not sorrowful, even as others who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those who have slept through Jesus, will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you in the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them who have slept. For the Lord himself shall come down from heaven with commandment and with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God ; and the dead who are in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, shall be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet Christ in the air and so shall we be always with the Lord ; wherefore, comfort ye one another with these words.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL.

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Ps. iii. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance ; he shall not fear the evil hearing.

TRACT.

Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin, and by the help of Thy grace may they be enabled to escape the judgment of vengeance and enjoy the bliss of eternal light.

SEQUENCE.

Day of wrath, O day of mourning,
Lo, the world in ashes burning—
Seer and Sibyl gave the warning.

O what fear man's bosom rendeth,
When from heaven the Judge descendeth,
On whose sentence all dependeth.

Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth,
Through earth's sepulchres it ringeth,
All before the Throne it bringeth.

Death is struck, and nature quaking,
All creation is awaking—
To its Judge an answer making.

Lo, the Book, exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded—
Thence shall judgment be awarded.

When the Judge His seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth.

What shall I, frail man, be pleading?
Who for me be interceding
When the just are mercy needing?

King of majesty tremendous,
Who dost free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us.

Think, kind Jesus, my salvation
Caused Thy wondrous incarnation,
Leave me not to reprobation.

Faint and weary Thou hast sought me,
On the Cross of suffering bought me ;
Shall such grace be vainly brought me ?

Righteous Judge of retribution,
Grant Thy gift of absolution
Ere that Reckoning Day's conclusion.

Guilty, now I pour my moaning,
All my shame with anguish owning ;
Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning.

Thou the sinful Mary savest,
Thou the dying thief forgavest,
And to me a hope vouchsafest.

Worthless are my prayers and sighing,
Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Rescue me from fires undying.

With Thy favored sheep, O place me,
Nor among the goats abase me,
But to Thy right hand upraise me.

While the wicked are confounded,
Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me with Thy saints surrounded.

Low I kneel, with heart submission ;
See, like ashes, my contrition—
Help me in my last condition.

Ah, that day of tears and mourning,
From the dust of earth returning,
Man for judgment must prepare him.

Spare, O God, in mercy spare him.
Lord, who didst our soul redeem,
Grant a blessed requiem. Amen.

BEFORE THE GOSPEL.

Cleanse my heart and my lips, O almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaias with a burning coal: and vouchsafe, through Thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL.

John xi, 21-29.

At that time, Martha said to Jesus: Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

But now also I know that whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith to her : Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith to Him : I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus saith to her : I am the resurrection and the life ; he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live. And every one that liveth and believeth in me, shall not die for ever. Believest thou this? She saith to him : Yea, Lord, I have believed that thou art Christ the Son of the living God, who art come into this world.

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

OFFERTORY.

O, Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit. Deliver them from the mouth of the lion, that hell may not swallow them up, and that they may not fall into darkness, but may the holy standard-bearer Michael bring them into the holy light ; which Thou didst promise of old to Abraham and to his seed. We offer to thee, O Lord, a sacrifice of praise and prayers ; do Thou accept them in behalf of the souls whom we this day

commemorate. Grant them, O Lord, to pass from death to that life, which 'Thou didst promise of old to Abraham and to his seed.

At the oblation.

Accept, O holy Father, almighty, eternal God, this immaculate host, which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences and negligences, and for all here present; as also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead, that it may be profitable for my own and for their salvation unto life eternal. Amen.

O God, who, in creating human nature, didst wonderfully dignify it, and hast still more wonderfully renewed it, grant that, by the mystery of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of His divinity, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our humanity, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy clemency, that in the sight of Thy divine majesty it may ascend with the odor of sweetness, for our salvation and for that of the whole world. Amen.

In the spirit of humility, and with a contrite heart, let us be received by Thee, O Lord; and grant that the sacrifice we offer in Thy sight this day may be pleasing to Thee, O Lord God.

Come, O Sanctifier, almighty, eternal God, and bless this sacrifice prepared in Thy holy name.

At the Incensing.

Let my prayer, O Lord, ascend like incense in Thy sight: and the lifting of my hands be as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips, that my heart may not incline to evil words, to make excuses in sin.

At the washing of the hands.

I will wash my hands among the innocent: and will encompass Thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise, and tell of all Thy marvellous works.

I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.

Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor my life with bloody men.

In whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with gifts.

As for me, I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and have mercy upon me.

My foot hath stood in the right path: in the churches I will bless Thee, O Lord.

Receive, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we make to Thee, in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus

Christ, and in honor of the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the saints ; that it may be available to their honor and our salvation : and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORATE FRATRES.

Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and the glory of His name, to our benefit, and to that of all His holy Church.

THE SECRET AND PREFACE.

Have mercy, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on the soul of Thy servant, N., for which we offer Thee this victim of praise, humbly imploring Thy Majesty, that by this propitiatory sacrifice it may be found worthy to attain everlasting rest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God.

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We have them lifted up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and just.

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, who hast appointed that the salvation of mankind should be wrought on the wood of the cross; that from whence death came, thence life might arise, and that He, who overcame by the tree, might also by the tree be overcome. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom the angels praise Thy Majesty, the dominations adore Thee, the powers do stand in awe before Thee, the heavens and the virtues of the heavens, and the blessed seraphim, do celebrate Thee with united joy. In union with whom we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst command our voices also to be admitted, with suppliant confession, saying :

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON.

We therefore humbly pray and beseech Thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these gifts, these presents, these holy spotless sacrifices, which in the first place, we offer Thee, for Thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace ; and also to protect, unite, and govern it throughout the world, together with Thy servant, N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids N. and N. And of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known unto Thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to Thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves, their families and friends, for the redemption of their souls, for the health and salvation they hope for, and for which they now pay their vows to Thee, the eternal, living and true God.

Communicating with, and honoring, in the first place, the memory of the glorious and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ ; as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James,

John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints ; by whose merits and prayers grant that we may be always defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our service, as also of Thy whole family ; dispose our days in Thy peace, command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of Thy elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION.

Which oblation do Thou, O God, vouchsafe in all respects to bless, approve, ratify and accept, that it may become to us the Body and the Blood of Thy most beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Who the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes lifted up towards heaven, to God, His almighty Father : giving thanks to Thee, did bless, break, and give to His disciples, saying : TAKE, AND EAT YE ALL OF THIS ; FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

In like manner, after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and

venerable hands, and giving Thee thanks, He blessed and gave to His disciples, saying: TAKE AND DRINK YE ALL OF THIS; FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT; THE MYSTERY OF FAITH; WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, TO THE REMISSION OF SINS.

As often as ye do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of Me.

Wherefore, O Lord, we Thy servants, as also Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed passion of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, His resurrection from hell, and glorious ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent Majesty, of Thy gifts and grants, a pure Host, a holy Host, an immaculate Host, the holy bread of eternal life, and the chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as Thou wast graciously pleased to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy high-priest Melchisedech offered to Thee, a holy sacrifice, an immaculate host.

We most humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, command these things to be carried by the hands of Thy holy angel to Thy altar on high, in the sight of Thy divine Majesty, that as many of us as, by participation at this altar,

shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids N. and N., who are gone before us, with the sign of faith, and slumber in the sleep of peace.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

And to us sinners, Thy servants, hoping in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with the holy Apostles and Martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and with all Thy Saints: into whose company we beseech Thee to admit us, not considering our merits, but freely pardoning our offences. Through Christ our Lord.

At the Little Elevation.

By whom, O Lord, Thou dost always create sanctify, quicken, bless, and give us all these things.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him,

is to Thee, God the Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory.

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Instructed by Thy saving precepts, and following Thy divine institution, we presume to say :

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

V. But deliver us from evil,

R. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils past, present, and to come ; and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever virgin, Mother of God, together with Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and Andrew and all the saints, mercifully grant peace in our days ; that by the assistance of Thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, who with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God.

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

V. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

May this mixture and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to us, that receive it, effectual to eternal life. Amen.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them everlasting rest.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of the Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world; deliver me by this, Thy most sacred Body and Blood from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me always adhere to Thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from Thee; who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Let not the participation of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, all unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy goodness, may it be to me a safeguard and remedy, both of soul

and body. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION.

I will take the bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Taking the Sacred Host.

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

Taking the chalice.

What shall I render to the Lord for all He hath rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord; with praise I shall call upon the Lord and I shall be saved from mine enemies.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. Amen.

For Communion of the people, after the *Confiteor*.

V. May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

V. May the almighty and merciful Lord give you pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of your sins.

R. Amen.

Behold the Lamb of God ; behold Him who taketh away the sins of the world. Lord I am not worthy, etc.

Giving Communion.

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul to life everlasting. Amen.

At the Ablutions.

Grant, Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind ; and of a temporal gift may it become to us an eternal remedy.

May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my bowels ; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been refreshed with pure and holy sacraments. Who livest, etc. Amen.

COMMUNION.

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, with Thy saints for ever : for Thou art merciful. Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them with Thy saints for ever ; for Thou art merciful.

V. The Lord be with you,

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that the soul of Thy servant, N., which this day hath departed this life, being purified and freed from sin by this sacrifice, may obtain both forgiveness and eternal rest. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost. World without end.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you,

R. And with thy spirit.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

O holy Trinity, let the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee; and grant that the sacrifice which I, unworthy as I am, have offered up in the sight of Thy Majesty, may be acceptable to Thee, and through Thy mercy be a propitiation for me and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord.

The last Gospel.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ; the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made : in Him was life, and the life was the light of men : and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to be made the sons of God : to them that believe in His name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of the man, but of God : and THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us ; and we saw His glory, as it were, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

DAILY MASS FOR THE DEAD.

COLLECT.

For Deceased Bishops and Priests.

O God, who hast raised Thy servants to the dignity of bishops or priests in the apostolic priesthood ; grant, we beseech Thee, that they may be forever united to the company of the blessed in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT.

For Deceased Brethren, Relations and Benefactors

O God, the bestower of forgiveness and the lover of the salvation of mankind ; we beseech Thee of Thy clemency to grant that our brethren, relations and benefactors, who have departed this life, by the intercession of blessed Mary, ever virgin, and all the saints, may come to the fellowship of eternal bliss.

COLLECT.

For all the Faithful Departed.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful ; grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplication they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

SECRET.

For Deceased Bishops and Priests.

Accept, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the sacrifice we offer for the souls of Thy servants, bishops or priests; that Thou mayest command them, to whom in this world Thou didst grant the episcopal or priestly dignity to be associated with Thy saints. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECRET.

For Deceased Brethren, Relations and Benefactors.

O God, of whose mercies there is no number, favorably receive our humble prayers, and grant to the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors, whom Thou didst grant to confess Thy name, the pardon of all their sins by these mysteries of our salvation. *Amen.*

SECRET.

For all the Faithful Departed.

Look down favorably, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon this sacrifice which we offer to Thee for the souls of Thy servants; that to those to whom Thou didst grant the merit of Christian faith, Thou mayest also grant its reward. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION.

For Deceased Bishops and Priests.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy merciful clemency, which we have implored in behalf of the souls of Thy servants, bishops or priests, that by Thy mercy they may eternally enjoy the presence of Him in whom they have hoped and believed. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION.

For Deceased Brethren, Relations and Benefactors.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty and merciful God, that the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors, for whom we have offered to Thy Majesty this sacrifice of praise, being, by virtue of these mysteries, purified from all sin, may through Thy mercy receive the bliss of eternal light.

POST-COMMUNION.

For all the Faithful Departed.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the prayer of Thy suppliants may benefit the souls of Thy servants; that Thou mayest deliver them from all their sins and make them partakers of Thy redemption, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

THE ABSOLUTION.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O Lord, for in Thy sight shall no man be justified, unless through Thee remission of all his sins be granted unto him. Let not, therefore, we beseech Thee, the sentence of Thy judgment weigh heavily upon him whom the true supplication of Christian faith doth commend to Thee, but by the aid of Thy grace, may he be found worthy to escape the judgment of vengeance, who, while he lived, was sealed with the seal of the Holy Trinity, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE RESPONSORY.

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that awful day; when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken; when Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

I am seized with fear and trembling when I look for the coming of the trial and the wrath to come; when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken. That day is a day of wrath, of wasting and of misery, a great day and exceeding bitter when Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Deliver, etc.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gate of hell.

R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.

V. May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who art disposed always to have mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech Thee for the soul of Thy servant, N., which Thou hast this day commanded to depart out of this world ; that Thou deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it unto the end, but command Thy holy angels to receive it and carry it to paradise, its true country, that, as in Thee it hath hoped and believed, it may not suffer the pains of hell but may attain unto everlasting joys. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM.

May the angels lead thee into paradise ; at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee and

bring thee into Jerusalem, the holy city. May the choir of angels receive thee and with the once poor Lazarus mayest thou have eternal rest.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVE.

Let us pray.

O God, in whose tender mercy the souls of the faithful departed are at rest, vouchsafe to bless ✠ this grave, and assign to it Thy holy angel as its keeper; and absolve from all the bonds of sin the souls of those whose bodies are here buried, that with Thy saints they may ever rejoice in Thee for all eternity. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANTIPHON.

I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live: and every one who liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

BENEDICTUS.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and wrought redemption for His people.

And raised up for us a horn of salvation: in the house of David His servant:

As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets of old.

Deliverance from our enemies : and from the hand of all who hate us :

To perform mercy to our fathers : and to remember His holy covenant.

The oath which He sware to Abraham our father, that He would grant us :

That being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, we may serve Him without fear :

In holiness and justice before Him all our days.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways :

To give knowledge of salvation to His people : unto the remission of their sins :

Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the Day-spring from on high hath visited us :

To enlighten those who sit in darkness, and in the shade of death : to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord ; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

I am the Resurrection etc.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father (*inaudibly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gates of hell.

R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.

V. May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this mercy unto Thy servant deceased, that having in desire kept Thy will *he* may not suffer in punishment of *his* deeds : and as a true faith joined *him* unto the company of Thy faithful here below, so may Thy tender mercy give *him* place above among the angelic choirs.

Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. Eternal rest grant *him*, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

V. May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. May *his* soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

When the mourners wait to witness the burial, it would be well to say the beads or other prayers.

PRAYER FOR MOURNERS.

O Lord, the Father of Mercy and the God of all consolation, who dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: look with the eyes of compassion on these Thy servants upon whom Thou hast laid Thy chastening hand; comfort them in their bereavement; give them strength to accept Thy holy will; and turn their sorrow into gladness in the blessed hope of eternal union in that land where death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, and where Thou shalt wipe away all tears from their eyes. Who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.



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